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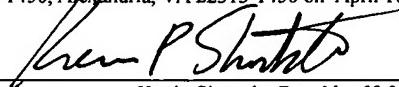
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2008.

Please consider the amendments and remarks as indicated on the following pages.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of the present paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of the present paper.